

Remarks

Claims 20 and 21 are currently pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 20 has been canceled. Claim 21 is therefore before the Examiner for consideration.

The claims have been objected to for several informalities. Pending claim 21 has been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to this claim is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over George. George does not describe the claimed invention. Further, claim 20 has been canceled by this Amendment rendering the rejection moot. Applicant notes that the amendment has been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicant's agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten. Amended claim 21 is presented to the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the applicant believes that the claim is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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